

A regular meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held Wednesday, April 11, 2012, for the purpose of transacting any business properly presented by the established agenda.

Presiding: Scotty Lippert,  
County Magistrate

Present: Carl Allen, Clark Hennessey, David Kelsch, David Hughes, John Corlis, Doug Smith, and Dennis Jefferson.

Let the Record reflect that the Court members received a copy of the vendor claims to be paid for all and a Financial Statement ending March 31, 2012.

Upon Motion of Doug Smith seconded by John Corlis the minutes meeting March 28, 2012 be accepted/approved.

Voting being unanimous.

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**Floor open to the public to discuss anything other than agenda items**

Judge Bush opened the floor to public comments regarding any concerns or issues of others that are not related to any agenda item. He advised that there would be order held in the court. This time would be for public to voice concerns, but no personal attacks would be allowed.

\*Craig Hester, mayor of Brooksville advised the court of a cat issue on Garrett Avenue at the vicinity of the Mains' Apartments. There are approximately 25 roaming cats in that area. When the Animal Control Officer was called, he stated that he cannot house cats. Mayor Hester asked the court who should be contacted in a case like this.

Upon much discussion between the magistrates, county attorney, and the mayor of Brooksville it was decided that the housing of cats in the shelter is an issue. There is no place for them. The court will have Pat Taylor, County Animal Control Officer before the court at the next meeting to discuss and come up with a solution to the issue. The Ordinance will be reviewed at that time as well.

**Space Utilization-Courthouse (once Judicial Center is complete)**

Tabled

**Brooksville/Courthouse-retaining wall & sidewalks**

Tabled

**Surplus Sale Update**

The Surplus Auction will take place on April 21, 2012 at the County Road Department at 10:00 a.m. There will be a notice in the Bracken County News for 2 weeks and the court agreed to have the notice in the Ledger Independent on Monday April 16 and Wednesday April 18, 2012.

**BID-Hillsdale Road Culvert Replacement**

Upon Motion of John Corlis, seconded by David Hughes that the qualified low bid submitted by straight Edge Construction (\$59,300) be accepted.

Vote being unanimous.

**BID-Mattox Road low water ford replacement**

Upon motion of Doug Smith, seconded by Dennis Jefferson that the qualified low bid submitted by RGF (\$57,000) be accepted.

Vote being unanimous.

**Employee Salaries 2012-2013**

Upon motion of Dennis Jefferson, seconded Doug Smith that the following employees wage increases below for the FY 2012-13 county budget be accepted/approved.

Vote being unanimous.

**Increase of the Judge’s Secretary/Administrative Assistant Account Salary FY 12-13**

Although Judge Bush could not be in attendance he wrote a letter to magistrates advising that the administrative assistant duties in the Judge’s office have increased. He asked that the court consider increasing the salary wage \$1,500 annually above the 3% increase originally agreed upon.

Upon Motion of John Corlis, seconded by Clark Hennessey that the court increase the Judge’s Secretary/Administrative Assistant Salary \$1,500.00 above the 3 % increase agreed upon at the last court meeting.

Vote being unanimous.

**General Fund Vendor Claims**

Upon Motion of Doug Smith seconded by John Corlis that the following General Fund Vendor Claims be approved for payment.

Vote being unanimous.

**General Fund Transfers**

Upon Motion of Dennis Jefferson, seconded by Doug Smith that the following General Fund Transfers be accepted/approved.

Vote being unanimous.

**Road Fund Vendor Claims**

Upon motion of John Corlis seconded by David Kelsch that the following Road Fund Vendor Claims be approved for payment.

Vote being unanimous.

**Road Fund Transfers**

Upon Motion of Clark Hennessey, seconded by Doug Smith that the following Road Fund Transfers be accepted/approved.

Vote being unanimous.

**Jail Fund Vendor Claims**

Upon Motion of John Corlis, seconded by David Hughes that the following Jail Fund Vendor Claims be approved for payment.

Vote being unanimous.

**Jail Fund Interfund Transfers**

Upon Motion of David Kelsch, seconded by Dennis Jefferson that the following Jail Fund Interfund Transfers be accepted/approved.

Vote being unanimous.

**Senior Citizens Fund Vendor Claims**

Upon Motion of Scotty Lippert, seconded by David Kelsch that the following Senior Citizens Fund Vendor Claims be approved for payment.

Vote being unanimous.

\*Magistrate Scotty Lippert advised the court that we had received the new lawn mower for the courthouse. It was purchased through the NJPA which allowed for a municipal rate to be applied for a \$500 savings. This was purchased from Riverside Tractor in Augusta.

\* update on the energy audit regarding lighting was given. Judge Bush will discuss with further details at the next meeting.

\* There will be a biofuel meeting at the Bracken County Extension office Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 8 a.m. The Commissioner of Agriculture and a Governor’s representative will be in attendance.

\*Magistrate Scotty Lippert advised that water lines are laid and will be connected to households on Pea Ridge. There are 9 households on that road. This is part of a grant project being worked on by Buffalo Trace Area Development, Bracken County Water District, and Representative Mike Denham.

Upon motion of John Corlis, seconded by Doug Smith that the April 11, 2012 meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court be adjourned.

Vote being unanimous.

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Tina K. Teegarden, Fiscal Court Clerk

Scotty Lippert, County Magistrate